

MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Remembering the Workers Who Built This City, One Story At A Time: Vancouver Labour History Walking Tours

Did you know that Vancouver was home to Canada's first general strike in 1918? What about the month-long Post Office Occupation of 1938?

Registrations are now open for the BC Labour Heritage Centre's 2017 Vancouver Labour History Walking Tour season. Participants are asked to register in advance through Eventbrite, by searching "Vancouver Labour History" or following this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/vancouver-labour-history-walking-tours-tickets-32274097695>

**WHO:** The BC Labour Heritage Centre is an independent, not-for-profit historical society with charity status, producing material for a variety of public history projects, and for labour education activities including walking tours, films, lesson plans, and public installations. Walking tours are led by volunteer tour guides.

**WHAT:** Vancouver Labour History Walking Tours will run twice per month, and are open to the public with a \$10 registration fee (free for low/fixed income). All participants will receive a Tour Booklet, free of charge.

**WHERE:** Tour guides will meet participants at the agreed start time (6 PM for Wednesday Tours/1 PM for Saturday Tours) at the plaza outside the Vancouver Art Gallery [750 Hornby Street]. Please note each tour covers a route of 2.5 KM on average at a steady pace.

**WHEN:** Tours will run twice per month, May through September, usually on the first Saturday and third Wednesday of each month. Tours are 2 hours in length. A full list of dates is below:

*Saturday tours (1 PM): May 6<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Wednesday tours (6 PM): May 17<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>*

**WHY:** The BC Labour Heritage Centre works to preserve and expand the knowledge of the important role of workers in the history of BC. Too often, these stories are forgotten. This tour looks beyond the headlines to explore little-known details about important events in Vancouver's history. See a side of the city you never knew, and walk in the footsteps of those who have come before us.



Above: Vancouver Labour History Walking Tours (logo)

Below: Historical image of one of many stops on our tour.

(Army & Navy strike for pay equity, 1981) (Credit: Vancouver Public Library - #81021A)



**Below: Photos from our previous seasons (2015/2016) (3 images total)**





